

WAC 246-100-166
Implementation for Varicella
Effective July 1, 2008



WAC 246-100-166 requires all children to show proof of immunity or document an exemption to varicella disease when attending school, a licensed child care center or preschool. The following outlines the plan for implementing varicella vaccine requirements.

Child Care/Preschool Entry

All children 16 months of age until Kindergarten entry who are attending a licensed child care center or preschool must show the following documentation on their Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form:

- Date of **one dose** of varicella vaccine, received on or after the child's first birthday; or
- Provider diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella disease or herpes zoster*; or
- Date of blood test (titer) showing serologic proof of immunity to varicella or herpes zoster; or
- Exemption from immunity based on a medical, religious or personal reason.

**Provider diagnosis or verification means a CHILDP Profile-generated CIS form or a signed note from a health care provider.*

Before and After School Care

School-aged children attending before and/or after-school child care must meet the immunization requirements for their grade in school.

Kindergarten and 6th Grade Entry: From July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008

All children who attended Kindergarten or 6th grade during **either the 2006-2007 or 2007-2008 school years** must show the following documentation on their Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form:

- Date of **one dose** of varicella vaccine, received on or after the child's first birthday; or
- Parental documentation of history of disease and approximate age the child acquired immunity*; or
- Provider diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella disease or herpes zoster**;
- Date of blood test (titer) showing serologic proof of immunity to varicella or herpes zoster; or
- Exemption from immunity based on a medical, religious or personal reason.

**If the parent is unsure about the child's chickenpox history, refer the child to get the vaccine.*

***Provider diagnosis or verification means a CHILDP Profile-generated CIS form or a signed note from a health care provider.*

This group of **Kindergarten students** will continue to have a **one dose** requirement until they finish 6th grade in school year 2013-2014. The 6th grade students will not encounter a **two dose** requirement as they advance in school (see implementation table below). However, these students should still be encouraged to meet the recommendations for varicella immunity.

Kindergarten Entry: After July 1, 2008

All children attending Kindergarten after July 1, 2008, must show the following documentation on their Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form:

- Dates of **two doses** of varicella vaccine, received on or after the child's first birthday and at least 28 days apart; or
- Provider diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella disease or herpes zoster*;
- Date of blood test (titer) showing serologic proof of immunity to varicella or herpes zoster; or
- Exemption from immunity based on a medical, religious or personal reason.

**Provider diagnosis or verification means a CHILDP Profile-generated CIS form or a signed note from a health care provider.*

Parental documentation of history of varicella disease will **no longer be accepted** for these students.

This group of students will have a two dose requirement until they finish 12th grade in school year 2020-2021 (see implementation table below).

Implementation Table

By the 2020-2021 school year, documentation of **immunity** to varicella or **exemption** is required for all students in K-12th grades.

Immunity means:

- **Two doses** of varicella vaccine; or
- Provider diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella disease or herpes zoster*; or
- Date of blood test (titer) showing serologic proof of immunity to varicella or herpes zoster.

Exemption means:

- Exemption from immunity based on a medical, religious or personal reason.

**Provider diagnosis or verification means a CHILD Profile-generated CIS form or a signed note from a health care provider*

The following table shows how the varicella vaccine requirements will:

- Phase out the **one dose** requirement by the 2013-2014 school year, and
- Advance one grade per year for the **two dose** requirement through the 12th grade by the 2020-2021 school year.

School Year	Grades and Varicella Vaccine Doses	
	1 dose*	2 dose**
2008-2009	1, 2, & 6	K
2009-2010	2, 3, & 6	K & 1
2010-2011	3, 4, & 6	K, 1, & 2
2011-2012	4, 5, & 6	K, 1, 2, & 3
2012-2013	5 & 6	K, 1, 2, 3, & 4
2013-2014	6	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5
2014-2015		K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6
2015-2016		K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7
2016-2017		K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
2017-2018		K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9
2018-2019		K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10
2019-2020		K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11
2020-2021		K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12

* Parental documentation of history of varicella disease **ACCEPTABLE**.

** Parental documentation of history of varicella disease **NOT ACCEPTABLE**.

The Department of Health encourages schools, within existing resources, to encourage students in older age groups and grades beyond those identified in this implementation plan to meet recommendations for varicella immunity.

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